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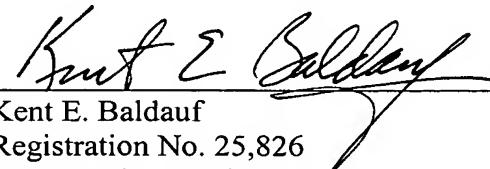
**REMARKS**

The specification, claim and abstract amendments have been made in order to conform this patent application to customary United States patent practice.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 1-17 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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